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MEMORANDUM FOR: Senior Intelligence Officer, U. S. Air Force
Element, NPIC

SUBJECT : Question on 9023

REFERENCE : AFCIN 182 memo. dated 19 Sept 1961, Subject: as above

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1. The following comments apply to the paragraphs in reference as indicated:

a. Re Paragraph 1a and 2: NPIC appreciates that exploitation agencies need to be informed on a timely basis of changes in format, direction of scan, etc. To this end, pertinent information is disseminated as soon as it is available to NPIC. The changes noted by SAC in paragraph 2 were not apparent to NPIC until after the OAK on mission 9023 was underway. Discrepancies between the diagram in NPIC TP-3/61 and the actual photography were noted by NPIC and on 8 September 1961 a letter was sent to the TCO/USAF requesting that a cable be dispatched to SAC and numerous other users citing the corrections required. A revised format drawing is being prepared to replace the one in TP-3/61. In addition, a new grid template for use with the new format is currently being prepared; copies will be distributed as soon as completed.

b. Re Paragraph 1b: To the best of our knowledge there was no change in the sequential numbering of frames on mission 9023. If SAC insists that such is the case, suggest they spell out the specifics.

c. Re Paragraph 3: This information has been extracted and passed on to Colonel Beerli's office for necessary action.

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